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1. The locations of the various Objects in the Erzgebirge area are as follows:
- No. 1. Aue (administration in Johanngeorgenstadt)
2. Aue
3. Oberschlema
4. Annaberg
5. Siegmars-Schönau, so-called Physics Object. This Object moved from Aue to Siegmars in December 1948 or January 1949.
6. Freital
7. Bärenstein (K72)
8-11. Aue. These Objects are in the process of moving to Siegmars-Schönau and are described collectively as "Physikalische, Chemische, und Fabrikations Objekte".
12. Annaberg. This is the so-called "Einrichtungs-Objekt" and covers the entire Erzgebirge area.
13-36. * These are described as planned Objects, and are not yet in operation.

2. All ore taken from the mines is placed in wooden boxes which hold about 15 kilograms. From Object #7, these boxes are taken by truck to Siegmars-Schönau, where the ore is washed and put through several sieves. The hard residue is ground ~~with roller~~ mills and ball mills. This grinding process continues until the ore has been reduced to a fine powder which resembles wheat flour in consistency. The fineness of the powder is described as from 17 to 18 degrees on the DIN scale, which runs from 1 to 32. The powder is then subjected to an electrical process which, by means of two electrodes, separates the active from the inactive portion. One ton of this powder reportedly yields from 3/4 to 1 kilogram of highly radio-active material. This material is packed into small two-liter rectangular aluminum chests which are then sealed and taken by truck in the direction of Dresden. The ultimate destination is not known.

3. Object #7 is divided into six work sectors and as of mid-March 1949 employed 7,028 persons. The work sectors and the number of miners employed in each follow:

Hammer (K 71)
Niederschlag (K 72.

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Hammer (K 71) 500
Niederschlag (K 72), I 392
II 1,700
III 500
Scheibenberg (K 62) 120
Neudorf (K 72)

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There were no [] in operation
in Neudorf as of mid-March

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* [] Comment: [] there are Objects in the area
which bear higher numbers.

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